

## LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS.

**DASHES HERE AND THERE BY THE  
SUN'S REPORTERS**

**An Object Lesson in Bucksliding—Mr. Kimball Sings "Greenland's Icy Mountains" on the City Hall Steps in a Sleet Storm.**  
The Rev. Henry Kimball, the white-haired white-whiskered preacher who speaks from the

City Hall steps every Sunday, ascended the steps yesterday afternoon in the midst of the freezing thunder shower, spread an umbrella over his head, calmly opened a hymn book and sang "From Greenland's Icy Mount-

tain," in a voice like a boatwain's. The rain froze upon his umbrella and dripped off the eaves of the roof.

For ten minutes he sang to the empty parkway. The small girl with a big umbrella and a row of hooded colleagues listened with open mouths. Five minutes afterward, while Greenland sang, the girl and her friends began to look at each other. Several men came up and huddled together. They seemed to be talking about something they wanted to do. Then, as the rain continued to pour, they began to climb the steps, arrived at the top, slipped and skated down on his coat tails.

"That's it, my friends," he cried, "simmer down, when the slippery path comes from the very top. There's the slippery path down there. Backward, backward, backward, backward. That's the way. Come up out of the wet, but mind your steps. Give me your arm, young man; I don't want to fall. Give me your arm, young woman; I don't want to fall. He carefully descended, and left the audience staring after him. He had been so sure of himself, so confident, so sure of his own power, that he had not even thought of the possibility of falling. He had meant upon by his collaborators who had just arrived upon the scene.

**The Hackman's Report of the Public Hall**

The monthly meeting of the Fawcett Hall Association was held on the evening of the 10th inst. Two hundred and fifty hackmen were present, and thirty new members paid dues and joined the association. Resolutions were drawn up thanking Maynard for his services, and a resolution was passed that the President of the association stand, as proof of his

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**Made his Yarn a Little Too Strong.**  
A policeman of the Fifty-ninth Street station found a boy sobbing on a stoop in East Fifty-ninth street, near the corner of Broadway, yesterday afternoon.

"I am a year old. My father and mother are dead. I ain't slept in bed in three weeks, and I ain't hatching to eat in two weeks. I lived with my cousin in the city, but he died, and I ain't seen him in three weeks now. When I came home she sicked me and I ain't seen her since," he sobbed.

See here, you young sinner, you're lying," said the policeman, and he told the boy to get up and tell the truth.

"No, no," William Flynn, a plasterer, who lives at 25 East Ninety-first street, the boy ran away to his father's home, and the policeman in vain pointed his father took him home yesterday.

**Death of a Wealthy Real Estate Owner.**  
Chas. N. Romaine, once a member of the firm of Hammond & Romaine, real estate lawyers, was found dead in yesterday morning in the house of John J. Romaine, his brother-in-law, at 100 West Seventh street. He had apparently died of heart disease. He was 58. Since retiring from the practice of law, he had been engaged in the real estate business, but he had sold his property in New York, Va. where he had property. His owned real estate in New York City, and he had been engaged in New York looking after it when he died. When he died, he was engaged in the real estate business in New York City, and he had been engaged in New York looking after it when he died. When he died, he was engaged in the real estate business in New York City, and he had been engaged in New York looking after it when he died.

**Wanted, 25 Tickets to the Church.**

Doncon Foster of the Newman party at the New York Ave. Congregational Church, yesterday, that he had applied to Deacon Ramsey of the Newman party for seventy-five tickets of admission to the service to be held at six o'clock on Tuesday last. The tickets are to be sold at the rate of one dollar apiece.

The tickets for the council of the Madison Avenue Church are to be obtained from R. Barnes, Church Clerk, 341 Fourth avenue, corner Twenty-fifth street.

The Deacon added that he should protest against any opposition to the church any attorney connected with the society.

**Mary Bassler's Death to be Investigated**

Mary Bassler, the 18-year-old daughter of John Bassler, a tailor, of 73 Cannon street, became ill Tuesday last and unconscious on Wednesday night, and died yesterday.

**He Anticipates a Cordial Welcome.**

The alumni of Brown University will dine next Friday night at the Princeton Hotel around the table. Chauncey M. Depew received an invitation and has promised to come. Princeton alumni have pronounced this a dazzling exhibition of moral courage on the part of the trustees. At the Princeton end of the table Mr. Depew said:

"I am glad to see you here. I was invited to give training for a speech at the Brown dinner. Brown University, you know, is a place where they teach you how to learn."

Depew anticipated a cordial welcome there.

**Catching a Dollar and the Fifth.**

Patrick McGowan of 128 East 107th street chased a young man from the foot of the down stairs 106th street elevated station, in Third avenue, across the street into some new unoccupied flats about 7 o'clock last evening. The man who had been followed by McGowan was the master. Mr. McGowan said: "You told me that you were going to catch a dollar and the fifth."

**The Signal Office Prediction.**  
Colder and fiercer weather, westerly winds, and a higher pressure.

**SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.**

Pere Hyacinthe is in San Francisco.

The Shakespeare Club of London will give Miss M. Anderson a public farewell reception at the end of the month.

Fi Proquer, the organist of Seior Maries in Madrid, is very ill, and the city is kept in mourning on account of his illness.

Violent and persistent attacks upon King Alfonso at the Government.

A number of men and women joined the Rhema Baptist Church of Pittsburgh yesterday, and were married in the Monongahela River. The weather was very fine, and the river was full of rainbows.

The Pope has refused to receive the Bavarian King Leopold and his wife, Princess Isabella, because of the situation thereby created for Catholic prince-bishops.